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Evaluation reports, and management perspective and response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2014 on the evaluation function in UNICEF (E/ICEF/2015/10), and the management perspective (E/ICEF/2015/EB/1);

2. *Welcomes* continued progress in strengthening the evaluation function in line with the Revised Evaluation Policy of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2013/14);

3. *Notes with concern* that implementation of the plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2014/3), managed by the Evaluation Office, is behind schedule, while appreciating that the Evaluation Office has undertaken a number of evaluations not included in the plan, including several urgent evaluations of UNICEF humanitarian action;

4. In this regard, *requests* UNICEF to revise the plan for global thematic evaluations, taking into account emerging priorities, and to present it for information to the Executive Board at its first regular session of 2016;

5. *Notes* the declining trend of stakeholders' engagement in evaluations in 2013, and requests UNICEF to analyse this trend in a future annual report on the evaluation function;

6. *Urges* UNICEF to accelerate progress towards achieving the target of allocating a minimum of one per cent of its overall programme expenditures to evaluation, in accordance with the Revised Evaluation Policy of UNICEF, while taking note of the progress made towards the target;

7. *Requests* UNICEF, in preparing the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, to make full use of the evidence and lessons as presented in recent evaluation reports;

8. *Notes with appreciation* progress made in recent years in preparing management responses for evaluations, and encourages UNICEF to expedite

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implementation of agreed actions, to strengthen its system for monitoring implementation of these actions, and to report on progress made through the annual report on the evaluation function;

9. *Also notes with appreciation* the high quality of the report, *Formative evaluation of UNICEF's Monitoring Results for Equity System*, and encourages management to make full and timely use of the lessons and recommendations presented in the report;

10. *Calls upon* UNICEF to invite the United Nations Evaluation Group to arrange for a peer review of the UNICEF evaluation function as proposed in the Revised Evaluation Policy, to be initiated in 2016.